

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 19, 2015

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room, of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Curt Connors, David White, Janine White, Associate Mike Nonni, Susan Chapnick, Eileen Coleman, and of the Commission. Associate Catherine Garnett and Michelle Durocher of the Commission were not present. Also present were Ryan Bianchetto, Julie Goodwin, and Bob Bowen.

7:30pm – Commission Business:

DWhite/Coleman motioned to approve the 3/5 **minutes**; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the **Mystic 35** grant proposal was complete and submitted.

Mr. White alerted the Commission to a property issue on the Arlington Town Meeting Warrant article for property (ID 13-383) owned by the Town of Arlington adjacent to **Cliffe St** in Lexington . This property is along the brook that drains from Arlington's Great Meadows and is adjacent to the Minuteman Bikeway. It is a possible corridor for a path from AGM to the Res. The Commission will draft a letter of support of No Action on this warrant article.

Mr. Stevens reported that he informed the Selectmen's office that the Commission recommends Michael Nonni as a Full Member of the Commission.

Mr. White reported on the **snow storage** operation at the Arlington Reservoir. The snow was piled in a new area near the kiosk but not beyond the gate on the southeast side of the parking lot. Snow was also stored at St. Camillus, as Ms. Beckwith received an email from an abutter concerned about increase potential for flooding.

Mr. Stevens drafted a **policy for winter delineation** that explicitly clarifies the discretion to delay this review until the growing season. DWhite/Chapnick motioned to approve this policy; motion passed unanimously. This policy will be incorporated into the next revision of the Commission's regulations; other revisions of the regulations will be reviewed for the next meeting.

Ms. Beckwith announced that she will send out a Doodle calendar sign up for the spring cleanup of **Meadowbrook Park**.

The **Waterbodies** working group reported on their draft spreadsheet for review of conditions and needs for all waters in Arlington. The chair expressed that this process is what the Finance Committee is seeking in its review of the Warrant Article for the Waterbodies Account.

7:45pm **Notice of Intent** – 22 Mill St garage repairs

Mr. Bianchetto presented the project to repair the 2 story garage immediately adjacent to Mill Brook. The two major actions are to repair and replace steel support structures and then also remove and replace the concrete deck surface of the top deck of parking.

The top deck drains to corner inlets to a piped system that enters the typical outlet drains that eventually lead to Mill Brook. These shall be covered with crushed stone and filter fabric to prevent any sediment from entering the storm drains. The Commission requested that the top deck drains be directed to a settling basin on the lower garage level (such as haybales lined with filter fabric or a frac tank). Stormwater would then discharge through the lower level catch basins and then to Mill Brook. The applicant was agreeable to this additional sedimentation control.

The applicant agreed to modify drawing C-1 to include the additional sedimentation control design (drainage control and dust control) and show locations of the hay bales with gravel. Also to remove Note 4 on that drawing as it refers to the sycamore tree. After considerable discussion, it was also agreed that any approval of work on the large sycamore tree at Mill Street should be removed from this permit application. We will maintain this as a separate review process.

The steel work will take approximately 4-6 weeks and the concrete work will take approximately 8-10 weeks. The stockpile area is paved. No vegetation will be removed or cut with this proposal.

JWhite/DWhite motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/Chapnick motioned to approve the project with the above conditions, minus work on the sycamore tree; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission will review the draft permit at the 4/2 meeting.

Commission Business, cont.:

Enforcements:

16 Spy Pond Parkway: Ms. Beckwith will write letter for 16 Spy Pond Parkway.

Viking Ct: There was no communication received to this date by the Viking Court apartments in response to the Enforcement Order for snow dumping to Noname Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator